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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Duniphan, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Broderick, Brown (Jarvis), Brown (Richard), Burg, Clark, Davis, Derby, Duenwald, Eccarius, Elliott, Flowers, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gillespie, Glenski, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hargens, Heineman, Hennies (Don), Hennies (Thomas), Holbeck, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Jaspers, Jensen, Juhnke, Klaudt, Kloucek, Koistinen, Konold, Kooistra, Lange, Lintz, Madsen, McCaulley, McCoy, Michels, Monroe, Murschel, Nachtigal, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Pitts, Pummel, Rhoden, Richter, Sebert, Sigdestad, Slaughter, Smidt, Solum, Sutton (Duane), Teupel, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Van Norman, and Wick and Senators McCracken, Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brosz, Brown (Arnold), Craddock, Daugaard, de Hueck, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Diedrich (Elmer), Drake, Duxbury, Everist, Greenfield, Hagen, Ham, Hutmacher, Kleven, Koetzle, Koskan, Madden, McIntyre, Moore, Munson, Olson (Ed), Putnam, Reedy, Staggers, Sutton (Dan), Symens, Vitter, Volesky, and Whiting

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and commending the members of the South Dakota National Guard.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota National Guard and its predecessor organizations have a long and distinguished history of service to the United States and to the state of South Dakota, including combat service in the Philippine Insurrection in 1899, the Mexican Border in 1916-1917, World War I, World War II, Panama in 1989, and the Persian Gulf War of 1991, with federal activations outside the combat zone during the Korean War and the 1961 Berlin Crisis. National Guard units have also served the state of South Dakota admirably in times of natural disaster and other emergencies, with the disastrous Rapid City flood of 1972 being a notable example; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota National Guard, which includes units of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard, continues to strive to maintain a challenging training program and a high state of readiness. South Dakota units have participated in numerous overseas training exercises around the world serving side-by-side with regular units of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, more recently, South Dakota National Guard units and personnel have performed hazardous duty in the Balkans and the Middle East, including patrolling the "no-fly" zone in Iraq and service in Kosovo, Bosnia, and Saudi Arabia. Following the attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, South Dakota National Guard troops have been prepared

to assist in the campaign against terror and have performed security duties at airports around the state, as well as continuing their missions in the Middle East:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature supports and appreciates the service and efforts of South Dakota's Army and Air National Guard personnel and units in times of peace and war and commends them on their proficiency and their devotion to duty. The people of South Dakota can be proud of the South Dakota National Guard and the services and sacrifices of its members throughout the history of the state.